

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
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CONCORD, NH 03301**

**MEETING MINUTES –February 4, 2008**

The February 4, 2008 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners convened at 3:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Eliot L. Paisner, DMD, President  
Neil S. Hiltunen, DMD, Vice President  
Gerald A. Smith, DMD  
Ronald J. Hrinda, DMD  
Linda M. Seedner, RDH  
Stacy A. Plourde, RDH  
Charles F. Post, DMD

Absent: Marshall A. Baldassarre, DMD; Hon. Vivian Desmarais, Public Member

The Board approved the minutes of January 7, 2008 as amended.

**IN MEMORIUM**

The Board of Dental Examiners wishes to publicly express its sadness at the recent passing of senior assistant attorney general Wynn Arnold, the Board's legal counsel since 1994. Wynn was well known in New Hampshire and beyond for his outstanding professionalism, intelligence and character. Words can not express the Board's loss.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Statutes and Rules
  - a. Statutory Proposals
    - 1) SB 404 - Dental Residencies – This bill has been requested by the New Hampshire Dental Society and the Board.
    - 2) SB 393 – Independent Dental Hygiene Practice – The Board opposes this bill for multiple reasons, including education, economic viability and, in the Board's opinion, negative effects on the quality of care and access to care.
    - 3) HB 1208 – Independent Dental Hygiene Practice – The Board opposes this bill for the same reasons it opposes SB 393.
    - 4) HB 1487 – Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner – The Board initially opposed this bill. Amendments, however, have been proposed by the Dental Society which would address the Board's concerns. If accepted, the Board would reconsider its position.

- 5) HB 1406 – Volunteerism – This bill was designed to facilitate volunteerism by medical professionals. The Board supported the bill, it included dentistry, but it was voted inexpedient to legislate after opposition from most of the medical community.

b. Rule Proposals

- 1) Rules 2008-I – This package of proposed amendments was reviewed by the Board in draft form. Most of the amendments address the use of sedation in dentistry.

\*2. Work Force Survey – Bi-State Primary Care Association, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Dental Society, the New Hampshire Dental Hygienists' Association, the Endowment for Health and Northeast Delta Dental asked the Board to mail a survey to New Hampshire dentists with the Board's biennial registration materials. The survey seeks to obtain information on the oral health workforce which would be of value in addressing access to care issues. At the Boards' January 2008 meeting the Board voted to grant this request. On further consideration of the problems which could be caused by the mailing of the survey by the Board, especially if it was included with registration materials, the Board with advice from its financial and legal counsel voted to change its previous position and not mail the survey. The Board had multiple concerns, the most serious being issues of privacy, funding and precedence.

The Board has made major efforts to address access to care issues including expanding auxiliary duties and the creation of public health supervision to enable dental hygienists to go into the community more easily. In this spirit, if requested, the Board voted to provide a list of dentists in Excel format to Bi-State to facilitate a survey mailing.

3. Radiology Qualification – The Boards' administrative rule Den 302.05 Qualification in Specific Area requires 6 months work experience in clinical dental assisting in order for a dental assistant to qualify to take a radiology course. A question has arisen as to whether a student in a non-accredited dental assisting training program could take qualifying radiology training as part of the training program without 6 months previous clinical assisting training. The Board voted to refer this issue to an ad hoc subcommittee of the Board that previously evaluated the training program in question. Committee members are Board members Paisner, Hiltunen, Smith and Plourde, with support from the Board's secretary.

4. Testing Requests – The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations has asked that a Board member assist with the administration of an examination at the New Hampshire Technical Institute. Stacy Plourde, RDH volunteered.

5. Informational

a. Biennial Registration

- b. CODA Call for Nominations
- c. DANB Exams
- d. Writing Guidelines (Chema)
- e. NHTI Courses, Spring 2008
- f. Whitening – The Board will discuss teeth whitening in spas and malls with the Pharmacy Board.
- g. Fatality
- h. Boom Times
- i. TMD Therapy
- j. Meetings – Linda Seedner, RDH will be attending a day long legal trainings session by the Attorney General’s Office.
- k. Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation (DOCS)

\* Plourde opposed

### **QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

1. Hygiene Applications Approved.

Leslie Andrews, RDH  
Penny Kellogg, RDH  
Heather Stalker, RDH  
Robert Myshrall, RDH  
Deborah Botolino, RDH  
Lenore Scannell-Ministeri, RDH  
Kristi Larrabee, RDH

2. Dental Applications Approved

David G. Blanco, DDS  
James A. Grieco, DMD  
Kenneth E. Knott, DDS  
Maria G. Marquez, DMD  
Jason E. Sudati, DMD

Members of the Board voted unanimously unless otherwise indicated.

Members of the Board voted unanimously to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3 and the Board’s executive and deliberative privileges.

Raymond J. Jarvis, DMD  
Executive Secretary